AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

Figure 6 is a fragmentary plan view showing a plurality of slits S formed about a hole ~~21~~ 22 formed in a metal plate member 20 (corresponding to the upper shell half 3 as shown in Figure 5) prior to barring when a cylindrical portion is formed in a upper shell half 3 by the barring.

Page 11, the second full paragraph is amended as follows:

When slits S are formed about the hole ~~21~~ 22 prior to barring, stretching of the part to be processed is interrupted by the slits S and accordingly, production of a crack C is prevented even in the tip of a cylindrical portion 23a though slits S remain about the tip of the cylindrical portion 23a formed by the barring as shown in Figure 7.